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RADIO VALVES FOR THE MGB.

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 642

6 May 1944

For issuing a priority for radio valves types 5Z4, 6Y7 and 813 (your number 419[a]) F.E.A.[i] requires it to be indicated for whom the valves are being requested. Since controls have been established on the forwarding of radio equipment, we ought, if the valves are obtained, to send [5 groups unrecovered]. I propose to make use of the COMBINE [KOMBINAT][ii] and address the shipment to SHUBIN ("SIGNAL" [SIGNAL])[iii]. Wire agreement by priority telegram and advise in what department [OTDEL] SIGNAL works.

No. 352
6th May

MAY [MAJ][iv]

T.N.: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] F.E.A.: Foreign Economic Administration.

[ii] KOMBINAT: the People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade [NKVT].

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[iii] SIGNAL: It may be that MAJ misunderstood the address that he was given, and assumed that SIGNAL was a cover-name for ShUBIN. It is, however, possible that SIGNAL is a telegraphic address (such addresses are very common in Russian commercial traffic). SIGNAL is widely used as a telegraphic address, and it is difficult to determine which of the organisations using this address is the one under reference here. There are two recorded instances of SIGNAL being addressed at MOSCOW 160 (both taken from unpublished plain-text traffic), though there is no indication of what it was associated with, beyond the fact that in both cases a man named FEDOTOV was addressed there. The only ShUBIN so far traced who might fit the case here is Boris Mikhaïlovich ShUBIN, who in August 1946 was at MASHINOIMPORT, MOSCOW. The connection between MASHINOIMPORT and the People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade is somewhat nebulous, but (of necessity) there is a definite association. The address of MASHINOIMPORT is Kuibysheva 21, MOSCOW; the postal district number is unknown, but it is known that Ulitsa Kuibysheva is close to Krasnyj Ploshchad, which is the location of Post Office no. 160. It is therefore possible that MASHINOIMPORT is in MOSCOW 160, and it might be associated with the telegraphic address "SIGNAL".

[iv] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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